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We enclose herewith for consideration by the Examiner one copy of the prior art documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449. The prior art documents were cited in the International Search Report, a copy of which is enclosed.

A English-language translation for JP 072 5332 is not readily available, however an English-language Abstract is attached thereto.

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